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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO THE SAHEL

PRESIDENT CARTER'S MOTHER, MISS LILLIAN, WILL BE VISITING
FOUR STATES IN THE SAHEL, JULY 24 - AUG. 2. THIS TRIP
BEING TAKEN ON THE INVITATION OF THE CILSS AND WAS EXTENDED
TO HER BY PRESIDENT JAWARA OF THE GAMBIA. DURING HER
VISIT TO THE GAMBIA, SENEGAL, UPPER VOLTA AND MALI, SHE
WILL BE VISITING VARIOUS PROJECTS - PEACE CORPS, AID AND
THOSE OF OTHER DONORS - WHICH WILL BE A BROAD REVIEW OF
DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE SAHEL, AS WELL AS REHABILITA-
TION FROM THE DROUGHTS. SHE WILL SPECIFICALLY FOCUS ON
WORLD HUNGER, FOOD PRODUCTION AND THE ROLE OF AFRICAN WOMEN
IN THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS.

YOUR EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA, YOUR INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF
THE COUNTRIES TO BE VISITED, AND YOUR EXTENSIVE REPORTING
FROM THEM DURING THE DROUGHT YEARS, MAKE YOU UNIQUELY
QUALIFIED TO ACCOMPANY MISS LILLIAN ON THIS TRIP. THE
DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS RESERVED A FEW PLACES ON THE USAF
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PLANE FOR THE PRESS AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO
COME.

THE TRIP BEGINS JULY 18 IN PARIS, WHERE MISS LILLIAN AND
HER DELEGATION WILL RECEIVE SPECIAL BRIEFING BY THE CLUB
DU SAHEL AT OECD HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS BRIEFINGS BY THE
FRENCH GOVERNMENT ON THEIR SAHELIAN EFFORTS. FOLLOWING

THAT, ON JULY 20, MISS LILLIAN WILL GO TO ROME WHERE SHE WILL RECEIVE THE FAO'S CERES AWARD BEFORE CONTINUING ON TO AFRICA. YOU ARE WELCOME TO JOIN THE TRIP AT ANY POINT (TRAVEL FROM WASHINGTON TO PARIS TO ROME WILL BE BY COMMERCIAL AIRLINE); THE DELEGATION WILL PICK UP THE USAF PLANE IN ROME. THE AFRICA PORTION OF THE TRIP OFFICIALLY BEGINS ON JULY 24 IN BANJUL.

MISS LILLIAN WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WHITE HOUSE OFFICIALS, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICA, DICK MOOSE, THE ADMINISTRATOR FOR AID, GOVERNOR GILLIGAN AND OTHER SENIOR AFRICA POLICY MAKERS.

SPECIFIC DETAILS ON THE INCOMING ITINERARY AND FUNDING MAY BE OBTAINED FROM MARK EATON, TEL: (202)-632-3066. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO WRITE ANY ADDITIONAL DETAILS. MY HOME TELEPHONE IS (202)-363-3506. VANCE

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